

The ministry of the state is to be congratulated upon the re-appointment of Mr. C. A. Johnson, who returns from educational work in Tennessee...

The session of Congress ended yesterday and it is said that there will be no extra session; McKinley and Tully have been inaugurated...

It was the lamented Vance, we believe, who used the Scripture referred to as the basis of a plea, if not entirely correct, at least plausible...

There will be no dog tax clause in the new revenue act. The proposition received only three votes in the joint Finance committee...

Tuesday night was an ice-maker. Since February 2, known as ground-hog day, we have had rain, snow, wind, and weather that was cold a plenty...

A fellow named Horace, who lived away back under the other side of old times but who had a pretty modern head on him, once wrote a poem about the delights of life afar from the madding crowd...

The United States senate has refused to give the Charleston exposition an appropriation. The Egyptians are to establish a lodge at Newton about the 15th...

The Massachusetts Frog Company has been incorporated in Maine, with a capital of \$5000. The objects of the corporation, as stated in its application for a charter...

Congress was in session Sunday and all of Monday night winding up the affairs of the session. The conference report on the river and harbor bill...

A Shaky special says: Clayton Manly, a good citizen of No. 1 township, about six o'clock last night was awakened by some one endeavoring to enter his home...

Below we give Gaston's position in the new districts of the State, as they have just been re-arranged by the Legislature. In the SENATORIAL districts Gaston now occupies a place by herself and forms the 22nd Senatorial district...

The congressional re-appointment bill passed both houses Monday. So it is fixed that Gaston will have a place in the district which the Stateville Landmark calls a "delay"...

President McKinley was inaugurated last Monday for the second and last time. His address was short and would have been dry and tame but for the rain and rampant enthusiasm...

Some of the towns of our State commenced early closing March 1st. We hope Gastonia will follow suit. In about two weeks the days and nights will be the same length...

The Week's Business. Dan's Review. Jobbing trade in groceries, hardware and iron specialties further gain in volume in the East since our last report...

Safe-blowers robbed the safe of H. B. Robinson and R. F. Beal & Co., in Lincolnton last week. From Robinson they obtained \$1,400 in cash and \$5,000 in notes and checks...

The Salisbury Sun says that mill hands without employment continue to pour into Salisbury. It is estimated that no less than 250 mill hands seeking employment are in Salisbury now.

According to signed agreement, 400,000 spindles representing about 70 cotton mills began to install their new machinery on Friday, January 15th...

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A Great Play Properly Produced By a Brilliant Company. OPERA HOUSE ONE NIGHT Wednesday March 20. The Event of the Season.

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